all sale of oils, both imported and indigenous should be in the form of natural oil (unrefined) through the P. D. S.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI NITISH KUMAR): (a) No, Sir. It is wrong to attribute import of edible oil to the failure of Technology Mission on oilseeds and NDDB Programmes.

(b) No. Sir. Advertisement issued by the NDDB for Dhara brand of edible oils are to ensure wider publicity about availability of edible oil at reasonable prices in tamper proof packs. Marketing of Dhara has not increased the overall demand for edible oils.

(c) No, Sir. There is no proposal under consideration to hand over all work relating to vegetable oils to the National Vegetable Oilseeds Board imported oil for the PDS is in refined form, since palmolein which is the cheapest edible oil available in the world market cannot be consumed in its natural form. Indigenous oils are too expensive to be put into the PDS at this stage.

1142. [*Transferred to the 29th August*, 1990]

Completion of Bombay-Mangalore-Konkan Railway

1143. SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Bombay-Mangalore Konkan Railway would be completed within a period of four years:

(b) whether there is any scheme on that line which can be adopted for Marathwada Railway project: and

(c) by when Manmad-Parli and Adilabad Parbhani conversion project would be completed?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Depends upon the availability of resources in the coming years.

Chief Ministers' views on Mandal Commission report

1144. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Prime Minister had recently asked the Chief Ministers of all States to send their views on the Mandal Commission report by the end of June, 1990;

(b) if so, what were the main reasons for asking the Chief Ministers views on this report; and

(c) how many States have submitted their views so far in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND WELFARE (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The views of the State Governments were earlier obtained in 1982. It was considered appropriate to have the views of the present State Governments.

(c) Two States have submitted their views in this regard.

Interview given by chairman, NDDB

1145. SHRI SHAMIM HASHMI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the interview of NDDB Chairman telecast by Doordarshan at 10.20 p.m. on the 16th July, 1990; and

(b) whether it is a fact that Shri Kurien had made a misleading statement to the effect that all commercial imports of milk powder had been stopped from 1976 despite NDDB's commercial imports of Rs. 75 crore during 1988-89?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI NITISH KUMAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) There has been no misleading statement by Dr. Kurien, Chairman, NDDB in referring to the stoppage of commercial imports of milk powder from 1976. The statement has to be appreciated in the context of the major thrust of his interview which was about the genesis, philosophy and achievements of Operation Flood. The erstwhile Indian Dairy Corporation (IDC) now NDDB had completely stopped normal commercial import of skimmed milk powder for meeting the requirement of dairy plants since 1975-76. The drought situation prevailing in the major milk producing states of the country in 1987 and its aftermath had adversely affected milk production in the country. The commercial imports made to the extent of 14273 MT of skimmed milk powder at a c.i.f. value of Rs. 37.60 crores was to supplement the shortage of liquid milk supply. This was an unforeseen situation and was not as a part of projected imports of the programme.

कृषि उद्योगों पर खर्च

1146. **श्री राम नरेश यादव** : क्या कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) कृषि पर आधारित उद्योगों के संबंध में सरकार की नीति क्या है और 1990-91 के दौरान सरकार द्वारा उस नीति के अंतर्गत कुल कितनी राशि खर्च किये जाने की संभावना है; उस राशि की सहायता से कितने लोगों के लिए रोजगार के अवसर सृजित किये जायेंगे; गत 3 वर्षों के दौरान कृषि पर आधारित उद्योगों पर खर्च की गई राशि का वर्ष वार ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ख) क्या इस उद्योग को प्रोत्साहन देने की कोई योजना सरकार के विचाराधीन है और यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है और 1990-91 के वर्ष के दौरान उत्तरी भारत के प्रत्येक राज्य में ऐसे कितने-कितने उद्योग स्थापित किये जाने की संभावना है और ऐसे उद्योगों की स्थापना पर राज्यवार कितनी-कितनी राशि खर्च किये जाने की संभावना है ?

कृषि मंत्रालय में कृषि और सहकारिता विभाग में राज्य मंत्री (श्री नितिश कुमार) : (क) और (ख) सूचना एकत्र की जा रही है और सभा पटल पर रख दी जाएगी ।

Plantation of trees to check cyclone fury

1147. SHRI SHAMIM HASHMI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is frequent havoc caused by cyclones on Eastern coast of Andhra Pradesh leading to massive relief and if so, the costs incurred during the last three years; and

(b) whether Dr. G. Misra of NBRI (Pioneer May 25th, 1990 Lucknow) has suggested planting of rows of suitable fast growing trees as a possible short term barrier to affect the fury of the cyclone and if so, the action taken/proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI NITISH KUMAR): (a) and (b) The